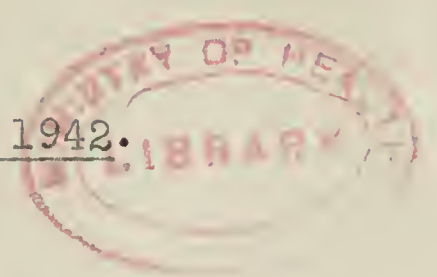


Borough of Okehampton

Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1942.



Mr. Mayor, Aldermen and Gentlemen,

Your Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Allen-Price, entered the R.A.M.C. at the beginning of October 1942. Since then I have had the honour to be your acting M.O.H. My knowledge of what has occurred during the first nine months of the year is mainly derived from the statistics of Births, Deaths and Infectious diseases.

The population of the Borough in 1942 is given as 4,291.

The number of deaths from all causes was 58, or 13.5 per 1000 (In England & Wales the Death rate was 11.6)

Of these deaths 16 were from Heart Disease,  
3 from Cancer,  
3 from Tuberculosis.

The number of Births was 57, (5 of these were illegitimate), (compared with 15.8 for England & Wales)

Infectious Diseases. There was an outbreak of Measles towards the end of the year. One case of Typhoid Fever occurred. The patient was an agricultural labourer recently arrived from Ireland. There was one case of Diphtheria, which recovered.

The general sanitary state of the Borough is satisfactory.

The First Aid Services are in a satisfactory state of efficiency, though more lady members are needed.

I have the honour to be,  
Sirs,  
your obedient servant,

(signed) G.W.G. Hughes.  
Lt. Col.

